Among your wives & children are enamies to you!
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بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحْمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ ٱلْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنُؤْمِنُ بِهِ وَنَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْهِ وَنَعُوذُ بِٱللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مَنْ يَهْدِهِ ٱللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضْلِلْ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَن لَّا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا ٱللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh, my beloved brothers and sisters in Islam.

Allah ﷻ said in **Surah at-Taghabun (64:14)**:

يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوٓاْ إِنَّ مِنْ أَزْوَٰجِكُمْ وَأَوْلَٰدِكُمْ عَدُوًّا لَّكُمْ فَٱحْذَرُوهُمْ ۚ وَإِن تَعْفُواْ وَتَصْفَحُواْ وَتَغْفِرُواْ فَإِنَّ ٱللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

“O you who have believed, indeed, among your spouses and your children are enemies to you, so beware of them. But if you pardon and overlook and forgive — then indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.”
— Saheeh International

Allah ﷻ is clearly warning us that **sometimes** your own wife and your own children can become enemies to you — enemies that stop you from obeying Allah ﷻ. That is why He used the word **“min”** (among/sometimes). It is not always the case, but it does happen.

We should never take it for granted that our children will automatically grow up to be pious Muslims. Look at the prophets عليهم السلام:

- Prophet Nuh عليه السلام had a kafir wife and a kafir son.
- Prophet Lut عليه السلام had a kafir wife.

- Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام never took it for granted. He constantly begged Allah ﷻ to make him and his offspring righteous Muslims.

This is why Allah ﷻ instructed us in **Surah al-Furqan (25:74)**:

وَٱلَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَٰجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّٰتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَٱجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

“And those who say, ‘Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us a leader [i.e., example] for the righteous.’”
— Saheeh International

We are commanded to constantly make this dua for righteous spouses and righteous offspring. This is one of the four **hasanat** (good things) of this dunya that the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ mentioned.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said the four **hasanat** (goodnesses) of the dunya are:

1. A righteous wife
2. A good neighbour
3. A spacious house
4. Reliable transportation

If you have these four things, the aging process will not be rapid. But if you do not get these four things right, your hair and beard will turn white overnight.

The worst thing under the heavens is for your child to grow up and become a kafir right in front of your eyes. That is far worse than any worldly tragedy.

When Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام built the Ka’bah, he made this beautiful dua:

> “O Allah, accept this noble effort from us. O Allah, make me and my son Ismail righteous Muslims, and make our offspring a Muslim nation.”

He wanted righteous children who would continue to pray for him after he entered the grave.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:
“When a person dies, all his good deeds come to an end except three:

1. Continuous charity (sadaqah jariyah) — e.g., building a masjid, printing Islamic books, or establishing a school.
2. Beneficial knowledge that people continue to benefit from.
3. A righteous child who prays for him after his death.”

This is why it is extremely important to marry a righteous spouse. When both parents are upon the haqq (truth), it becomes much easier to raise pious children. But if you marry someone who wants to surrender to Shaytan while you want to surrender to Allah ﷻ, you are not compatible.

You are **not allowed** to marry someone until you are certain you are compatible — meaning both of you want to live for Allah ﷻ. Everything in your life must be for Allah ﷻ, including marriage.

Allah ﷻ says in **Surah al-An’am (6:162-163)**:

قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۝ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ ۖ وَبِذَٰلِكَ أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

“Say, ‘Indeed, my prayer, my sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds. No partner has He. And this I have been commanded, and I am the first of the Muslims.’”

Even marriage must be for the sake of Allah ﷻ.

Three people whose duas are always answered by Allah ﷻ:

1. The traveller (musafir)
2. The oppressed person (mazlum)
3. The parent (father or mother) for their child

Allah ﷻ answered the dua of Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام, and He will answer your dua too — if you ask with sincerity and consistency.

May Allah ﷻ grant all of us righteous spouses and righteous offspring who will be the comfort of our eyes and leaders among the muttaqeen. Ameen.
Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh.

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